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Examiner: Nguyen, Cam N

For: DIMETHYL ETHER STEAM REFORMING CATALYST AND METHOD FOR

PRODUCING THE SAME

Date: March 20, 2006

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 20, 2005

Sir:

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on December 20, 2005.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this document.